GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:231
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Private Sector Participation in Afforestation
Singh Shri Lallu

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private sector is being involved in the afforestation/expansion of forest areas in the country and if so, the details of guidelines/policy enunciated in this regard;
(b) the assistance provided/likely to be provided to the private sector during the last three years; and
(c) the status of implementation of the schemes in the States/UTs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 231 due for answer on 15.12.2015 asked by SHRI LALLU SINGH regarding Private Sector Participation in Afforestation

(a) to (c) Private Sector is taking up afforestation programme on areas outside forests, largely in partnership with farmers and other land owners. The National Forest Policy, 1988 provides that as far as possible, a forest-based industry should raise the raw material needed for meeting its own requirements, preferably by establishment of a direct relationship between the factory and the individuals who can grow the raw material by supporting the individuals with inputs including credit, constant technical advice and finally harvesting and transport services.However, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is working on policy guidellines for encouraging participation of all stakeholders including public and private sector in afforestation and restoration of degraded forests with the objectives to improve forest cover, productivity and quality.

There is no specific scheme of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to provide assistance to private sector for this purpose.

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